

Food Control Projects in Orissa

5029. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details including the estimated cost of the flood control projects in Orissa pending with the Union Government;

(b) the time by which those are likely to be cleared; and

(c) the details of Central assistance provided to Orissa for control of floods in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) There is no flood control projects from Orissa pending with the Central Government for clearance.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India is providing Central loan assistance to the Government of Orissa towards the flood control component of Rengali Multipurpose Project on the Brahmani river at the rate of 30% of the cost of the dam and appurtenant works. So far, a loan assistance of Rs. 42.95 crores has been provided to the State Government for this project. The Central loan assistance provided during the last three years is as under:-

1988-89	—	Rs. 0.5 crore
1989-90	—	NIL
1990-91	—	NIL

Increase in Telephone Lines During Eighth Plan

5030. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the telephone lines in the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the States likely to be benefited therefrom; and

(c) the total amount earmarked for this scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The draft plan proposals for the period 1990-95 envisage addition of 59 lakh lines of Local Switching capacity to provide 52 lakh new telephone connections. This also includes opening of at least one public telephone at all Gram Panchayats. All the States including Union Territories will benefit from these proposals.

(c) An estimated outlay of Rs. 19,700 crores at 1989 prices is required for these proposals.

Representation From Kashmiri Migrants

5031. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from representatives of the Kashmiri Migrants regarding non-full-filment of assurances by the Delhi Administration in the matter of rehabilitation of the migrants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIM. M.

JACOB): (a) to (c). Delhi Administration has advised that they have not given any assurance to Kashmiri migrants in the matter of rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants in Delhi.

[Translation]

SAARC Summit in Sri Lanka

5032. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SAARC Summit is proposed to be held in Sri Lanka by the end of this year;

(b) if so, the issues proposed to be raised by the Government therein;

(c) the details of the discussions initiated by the Government with other member countries in this regard;

(d) the number of Indian representatives going to participate in the SAARC Programme Committee meeting and the names of the like minded member countries participating therein; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government so far to promote the regional co-operation through the SAARC?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The agenda for SAARC meetings is fixed by unanimous agreement of all Member States and not by any particular member. The agenda covers all the subjects dealt with by the Technical Committees and SAARC Expert Groups/Committees set up outside the framework of the Technical Committees. Discussions with member countries take place in the meet-

ings of the Technical Committees, Standing Committee and Council of Minister.

(d) The number of Indian representatives who will participate in the SAARC Programming Committee meeting is not yet decided. All SAARC Member States are expected to participate in this meeting.

(e) India as a member of SAARC, has from time to time suggested initiatives to promote regional cooperation through SAARC. These are reflected in the SAARC Calender of Activities and in other projects and programmes implemented under the aegis of SAARC.

[English]

Autonomous State in Assam

5033. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand in the two hill districts of Assam-Karbianglong and North Cachar Hills for the creation of an autonomous State within the State of Assam under Article 244(A) of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Assam have been advised to hold discussions with the representatives of the Hills Tribals and find mutually acceptable solution to their genuine grievances.